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TO-DAY

We Will Continue the Extraordinary Reductions in MEN'S WEAR!

Word-of-mouth advertising has done more to keep interest in this mid-winter clearing sale of furnishings keyed up to the high point it has reached than could pages of newspaper space. For men will continue to talk about VALUES SO EXTRAORDINARY AS THESE until long after the sale has passed into history.

We look for to-day (Saturday) to be "the big day." The sale lots include:

- Men's Socks Reduced**
Men's 100 Cotton Socks, in the "Shaw-Knit," "Notaseam," "Interwoven" and imported makes; regular 25c socks, 17c or 5 pairs for 50c.
Men's 50c Colored Silk Socks, 29c pair.
Men's 35c Imported Lisle Socks, 29c pair.
Men's 50c Imported Lisle Socks, 35c pair.
- Men's Neckwear Reduced**
Men's Silk and Silk Knit Neckwear, sold at \$2.00 and \$2.50, reduced to \$1.50.
Men's Silk and Silk Knit Neckwear, \$1.35 and \$1.50, reduced to \$1.00.
\$1.00 Silk and Silk Knit Ties at 50c.
\$1.00 Silk Open End Ties at 75c.
50c Reversible Four-in-Hand Ties at 25c.
35c Reversible Four-in-Hand Ties at 17c.
25c Reversible Four-in-Hand Ties at 12 1/2c.
- Men's Gloves Reduced**
Men's \$1.25 Black Cape Gloves, \$1.00 pair.
Men's \$1.00 Tan Overseam Kid Gloves, 69c pair.
Men's \$1.50 Tan and Grey Gloves, \$1.00 pair.

- Other Big Bargains in the Men's Sale**
Men's White Worsted Sweaters, formerly sold at \$2.50, reduced to \$1.50.
Men's Engineer Bib Overalls, 85c ones for 50c.
Men's \$1.50 Pleated Bosom Colored Shirts, all sizes, \$1.15.
Men's Fancy Weave Heather Sweater Coats, \$1.98 ones reduced to \$2.50.
- Colored Stiff Bosom \$1.00 quality Shirts, in sizes 16 and up, 50c.**
Small lot broken sizes in Men's Stiff Bosom and Negligee Shirts, formerly 50c and 75c, to 39c.
Men's \$1.75 and \$2.00 Flannellette Pajamas, \$1.25.
Boys' and Girls' Gloves, grey, tan and black, 25c.
House Coats and Bath Robes at greatly reduced prices.

MAIN STREET FIRE DRAWS BIG CROWD

FRAUD CHARGED BY CREDITORS

Blaze Last Night Does Little Damage, but Caused General Alarm to Be Sounded.

Fire of unknown origin was discovered last night about 10:30 o'clock in the building of 221 East Main Street, occupied by the offices of the Old Dominion Steamship Company and C. L. & H. L. Denoon, real estate dealers. A general alarm was sounded from boxes No. 215, Ninth and Main Streets, and being in the heart of the business section of the city, called out a large proportion of apparatus in charge of Chief Jones and Assistant Chief Ruffo. Occurring at an hour when the theatres were pouring their throngs into the streets, a large crowd, probably 500 persons, was attracted to the scene. Two lines which were stretched across the street hampered street car traffic, though for a short while only.

The blaze was discovered in a closet in the rear of the building, and was put out in a few minutes without any great property damage. Fifty dollars will probably cover the loss. It was impossible to determine its origin.

A. A. Nolting, Jr., freight and passenger agent of the steamship company, discovered the fire when he visited his office for the purpose of doing some work. A telephone message from him to fire headquarters caused a "still alarm" to be sounded, and Engine Company No. 1 was sent out. One of the boxes, a collar broke before the company had reached the blaze, and a message from Captain Russell called out No. 4 Company.

When the apparatus did arrive, great quantities of smoke were issuing from the building, and the general alarm was sent in, in order to prevent any serious conflagration. As soon as the fire was located it was extinguished without difficulty. Captain Russell was slightly burned about the ear when a piece of flaming plaster fell upon him.

Though the crowd which gathered quickly dispersed, it was necessary for a large squad of police, in charge of Sergeant Zimmer, to keep back curious persons.

UNMOVED BY BULLETS

Negro Arrested as Fugitive in County After He Fled to Refuge in Bath of Shot.

Special Policeman Joe Taylor, of Boston County, yesterday induced a negro named James B. Brown, Jr., to flee from the county, that he is a fugitive. Brown is the fourth negro taken to be arrested in the county in the last month.

The negro was brought in at the station, and was taken to the jail and removed with a man on board. Brown was taken to the jail and removed with a man on board. Brown was taken to the jail and removed with a man on board.

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WILL ASSESS TAX ON ROLLING STOCK

Corporation Commission Decides to Follow Intention of Legislature.

NEW LAW VERY DEFECTIVE

Cities Will Lose Tax to Localities Through Which Railroads Operate.

After numerous consultations as to its duty in the matter, the State Corporation Commission decided yesterday to overlook the almost total omission in the rolling stock bill, as passed by the Legislature, and to proceed to carry out the intent of that law. Its attitude is that it will do what the Legislature desired, and to leave it to the cities affected, or to somebody else, to raise any legal point against carrying out the provisions of the statute.

As a result, Clerk R. T. Wilson will proceed to levy the tax on the rolling stock of the steam railroad corporations of Virginia as heretofore, to base it on the rate of taxation of the city or county which is the principal office, and to divide it between the localities through which the roads run on the basis of other property values. Heretofore, all taxes on rolling stock of railroads in this State have been paid to the political subdivisions which are their homes, on the theory that personal property should be assessed at the domicile of the owner.

The Constitution provided that beginning with 1913, the General Assembly might change the old order, and, although in previous sessions of the Legislature efforts had been made to divide the rolling stock tax, the Constitution was always interpreted to prevent such action.

New Law Enacted.

In the very beginning of the session of 1912, Judge Martin Williams, of Giles, introduced a bill looking to a division of this tax. It was fought by representatives of the cities. Several bills were proposed, and at last a compromise was reached whereby the localities where the home offices are located should have 25 per cent of the tax and that the remaining 75 per cent should be divided among the cities and counties through which the railroads run in the proportion that the total assessed value of real estate, road bed and track, and all other property of such railroad companies respectively except rolling stock located in any such county, city or town or school district, bears to the aggregate value of all such property ascertained for State taxation.

After the Legislature had adjourned and the Governor had signed the bill, making it law, it was discovered that several lines had been omitted from the introductory paragraph of the measure, entirely destroying its meaning. The words left out were those directing the State Corporation Commission to make the assessment of rolling stock. How this mistake occurred has never been explained.

Problem for Commission.

The Commission recently took the matter up. The law does not require it to do anything, but the Legislature intended it to do something. Should it decide not to assess the property at all, the State and localities containing the principal offices would lose the tax entirely, and should it assess under the old law, the cities and principal offices would get all the local taxes.

Further down in the statute, is a provision concerning the manner of division of the fund by the commission. This is taken as an indication of the intent of the General Assembly that the commission should also assess it, which it will proceed to do, if there is a row, it will not be a party to it.

Through the operation of the new law, Richmond will lose about \$122,500, since this city is the situs of the principal office of several railroad corporations, and their taxes on rolling stock have been paid here. Roanoke is the hardest hit, losing about \$194,000, which forms a very much larger proportion of its total revenue than does the amount lost by the capital city.

Petersburg, Norfolk, Alexandria, Portsmouth, Bristol and several towns and a few counties are losers by the new scheme of division of taxes.

Find Out Sum Later.

The amounts involved, and the sums to go to localities through which the railroads run, will not be ascertained until September. The rolling stock, along with other property of public service corporations, will be valued by the State Corporation Commission at its annual public hearings. As a matter of fact, this class of property will be the last to be taxed, since the value of all other property must be ascertained for the year to find out the proportion to go to the cities and counties. Then Clerk Wilson will figure the tax on the basis of the local rate of the principal office, and after finding the proportions, will direct the railroads to pay the rolling stock tax along with other local taxes to the treasurers of the counties and cities.

The railroads are not affected one whit since they continue to pay at the same rate as heretofore—that prevailing at the site where their principal offices are located.

It is not believed the cities affected will fight the law because of the defect.

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Of investments which cannot be made entirely upon your own judgment in placing your own money or funds in your charge.

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AUDITOR WARREN MAY BE RETIRED

City May Retain His Services in Advisory Capacity.

MANY ERRORS IN REPORTS

Shows \$200,000 Still Available for Schools After Money Has Been Expended.

Although members of the Council Finance Committee are unwilling to discuss details as yet, it is understood that plans are being prepared for reorganization of the City Auditor's office along more modern and businesslike lines. City Auditor Warren, it is understood, will be retained because of his long and valuable service to the city and his intimate knowledge of city finances, especially as regards the sinking fund and bonded debt. He may be given the title of auditor emeritus, and an assistant auditor, with supervisory powers over the conduct of the office, may be appointed to take actual charge of the bookkeeping and daily conduct of the city's business.

Discrepancy of \$200,000.

Mr. Warren was quoted yesterday as declining to discuss the errors pointed out in his report, which it did not do in the ground that they were too trivial and inconsequential for consideration in an office handling millions of dollars. Mr. Warren did not explain a discrepancy of \$200,000 in the same report, which amount could hardly be described as trivial. On September 18, 1911, the City Council authorized the issue of bonds to the amount of \$1,400,000 for various specified purposes, including the new Mayo Bridge, the South Richmond sewer, gas and water systems, and a number of other items, including \$200,000 for public school buildings and sites. Out of this fund the City School Board purchased the Van Lee property as a school site, and has erected, sold for \$100,000, and occupied the new Madison and Buchanan Street schools.

Money Has Been Paid Out.

Although the money has been used as it was intended, and the buildings are now completed, occupied and paid for, Mr. Warren's most recent report to the City Council shows in the sinking fund account a balance of \$200,000, which is not accounted for by any expenditure, leaving the whole amount to appear in the unexpended column as though it were still available.

On the face of the expended and unexpended items in the same table there is a discrepancy of \$10 in the item for stand pipe alterations, which, notwithstanding the fact that the totals of expended and unexpended columns are made to balance with the appropriations.

The bond issue, alluded to above, provided for all other items \$23,250 "to meet any deficit that may arise." Mr. Warren's report of available bond items does not show what has become of this balance. It was intended that the supplemental appropriation of \$2,241.40 on the new Mayo Bridge, allowed for construction across the island be taken from this fund, but the Auditor has entered it as a current appropriation.

How Does He Get His Balance?

The printed report of disbursements to January 1, 1912, or, as it is called, the annual report, ending January 31, placed on the desk of each member of the Council at the January meeting of each branch, shows overdrafts in twenty-five items aggregating \$12,105.65. Most of the overdrafts are explained by salary increases made during the year, with no compensating increase in the budget provided for to meet the additional charge. What members of the Council with a figuring turn of mind have been unable to understand is how the Auditor's office manages to add the total of expenditures to the unexpended balances, and get exactly the total of appropriations, without making any apparent allowance for the twenty-five items in which the appropriations are overdrawn.

It is stated that the present employees of the Auditor's office have objected to the use of adding machines as new-fangled devices, and to the introduction of modern systems of accounting favored by the Council Finance Committee.

No one believes that there has been any intentional wrongdoing in the office, or that there has been the slightest diversion of public funds, but it is nevertheless claimed that recent reports to the Council have not given a correct index of the status of various accounts. Bookkeepers of various departments have almost despaired of being able to check with the Auditor's books.

Finance Committee to Act.

It is expected that the whole matter of the conduct of the Auditor's office and plans for its reorganization will be taken up at a meeting of the Council Finance Committee to be held during the coming week, and that some definite recommendation will be made to the next meeting of the City Council. It is not known as yet whether the plan of employing an assistant auditor with supervisory powers over the books, with the retention of Mr. Warren for the benefit of his advice on city finances, will meet with approval or not. There are those on the Finance Committee who believe that the trouble is not with the head of the office, but that he has not been given the proper kind of clerical assistance.

ALLEN PETITION IN HIGHER COURT

Tribunal Receives Motion Declining to Hear Oral Argument Thereon.

AFFIDAVITS ARE PRESENTED

Foster Said to Have Expected Trouble—Would Go Back to Lower Court.

Attorneys Richard Evelyn Byrd, Jr. M. Smith, Jr., and Hiram M. Smith presented to the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday morning the petitions of Floyd Allen and Claude Swanson Allen, asking for an order permitting the Circuit Court of Wythe County to entertain a motion for a new trial on the ground of after-discovered evidence. The court permitted the petition to be filed, with its accompanying affidavits, but declined to hear oral argument on the application. A decision on the petition may be expected at any time, possibly early in the coming week.

Part of the matter of the papers giving reasons for asking the order of the court, contains the same material as was presented to Governor Mann several weeks ago in the efforts to secure commutation of sentence for Claude Allen. While it is not claimed in the petition that the Commonwealth at any time abandoned the conspiracy theory at trials which it did not do, it is asserted that the prosecution gave up certain lines of evidence with which it had sought to strengthen its case that a conspiracy existed.

New Affidavits.

One affidavit is that of Wash McMillan, a well known character of Carroll County. Wash says that in a conversation with William M. Foster, the murdered attorney for the Commonwealth, on the day before the massacre, Foster said to him that he had purchased a pistol for \$10.00 and should be trying to kill him if he succeeded in the conviction. He is not expected in the conviction. He is not expected in the conviction.

An affidavit of C. Ridgway Moore, of Richmond, is to the effect that either Foster or Sheriff Webb told him at the Roanoke convention, a few days before the shooting, that they "had the Allens where they wanted them." O. R. Moore and his wife, Jettie Moore, have an affidavit that Peter Easter, an eyewitness of the shooting, told them that when Floyd Allen began to unload his sweater in the courtroom, Easter shot and killed him. The defense did not produce Easter at the trial of Floyd Allen, when he was mentioned as being present.

Evidence Abandoned.

To sustain their contention that the Commonwealth abandoned some of its evidence looking to the conspiracy charge, the attorneys for the Allens set forth that Floyd Allen did not inquire of his son, Claude, on the evening before the shooting, if all the boys were ready; that Sidney Allen and Victor Allen did not go to the shooting, but that they thought of their pistols when they thought of their pistols. When they thought of their pistols, they thought of their pistols. When they thought of their pistols, they thought of their pistols.

Mr. Byrd made a verbal motion for consideration of the petition by the court. After a short consultation, Judge James Keith said that the petition should not be heard from its current not to have oral argument in connection with the presentation of petitions, but would receive and consider the papers.

New Proceeding Asked.

Thereupon, the motion was presented in writing, as follows:

"It is the purpose and wish of your petitioner to file with the Circuit Court of the County of Wythe, which commenced on January 13, 1913, a motion to vacate the judgment rendered in said case on the ground of newly discovered evidence which is sufficient to change the verdict and judgment upon a new trial favorably to your petitioner, and to grant a new trial for such reason and for other reasons therein set forth."

The petitioner being advised that there being no recorded decision in this State determining whether a Circuit Court will entertain a motion for a new trial after judgment and appeal from such judgment and a refusal of the Supreme Court of Appeals to grant a writ of error; and whereas, in some States upon good cause, the lower court will entertain a motion for a new trial because of evidence discovered after judgment, and in certain other States and in Federal jurisdiction such lower courts cannot entertain such motion without leave of the appellate court—

"Wherefore your petitioner prays that this honorable court recall its order refusing your petitioner's motion for error, for the purpose of amending the same so as to permit the said Circuit Court to hear a motion for a new trial upon the grounds set forth, and to grant or refuse the same as its sound discretion may prompt."

Precedents for such action in other States and in Federal courts are given.

INDIANS ON BRIDAL TRIP

Miss Chief Brings Young Wife to See Sights of Richmond.

Red Eagle, assistant chief of the Sioux Indians in the Roosevelt Reservation in South Dakota, with his bride, Minnie May Eagle, are in Richmond on their wedding journey. They arrived yesterday at the Executive Mansion, where they were received by Mr. Mann, John Lyons, messenger in the office of the Governor, showed them the Capital sights.

Mr. Eagle was educated at the Carlisle Indian school, and has been dropped from the school because of his desire to drink. They converse well.

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UNANIMOUS VOTE ON CONVICT LABOR

No Opposition to New Contract. Directors Say Board Will Control Tasks.

In view of public inquiries and published comments based on statements that some of the men having in charge the making of a new contract for convict labor in Virginia were opposed to such contracts, inquiry on this point was made last night of members of the board of directors of the State Penitentiary. The statements referred to made it appear that Governor Mann, to make it appear that the State Board of Charities and Corrections, and Directors Patten and Bradley do not favor a contract, the supposition being that these four were outvoted by the other three men.

L. I. Scherer, a member of the board of directors, when asked about the matter last night, said: "The vote on the contract which was closed with the Star Clothing Manufacturing Company was unanimous. The board had before it two propositions—to keep 500 men in idleness in the State prison, at the expense of the taxpayers, or to put them to work to earn \$50,000 for the State within the five years covered by the agreement. We chose the latter. The vote of the five members was unanimous, nor was a voice raised against it in the meeting. I have no apology to make for my vote, and I do not believe any director will crawl on the proposition."

"In approving the contract, the Governor and the secretary of the State Board of Charities had a voice—no vote each—while the board as a body had one. The two officials mentioned could have outvoted the board, but on the contrary, they agreed with it, and the vote for the contract was unanimous."

"I voted for the new contract, together with everybody else having a right to vote on the matter," said Director Samuel Cohen. "At all times the meetings were harmonious, all members, both of the board and of the special commission named by the Legislature, agreeing to a contract with the Star Clothing Manufacturing Company."

Both said the board will have absolute control over the labor of the prisoners, fixing the tasks and preventing any imposition on convicts. The board alone has authority over punishments; the contractor can have no opportunity for brutality.

HIGHWAY READY DURING NOVEMBER

Richmond-Washington Route Will Be Completed in Time for A. A. A. Convention.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Richmond-Washington Highway Association, held yesterday in the office of President Henry W. Anderson, it was decided to call for another 10 per cent on subscriptions, and to press the work so that the road between this city and Washington could be completed by November.

There were present Henry W. Anderson, J. C. Eastley, John Stewart Bryan, Preston Belvin, Robert Allport and Mr. Coleman, who represented Captain St. Julian Wilson, State Highway Commissioner, who is ill.

Subscriptions for building the road amount to \$57,000, of which \$11,400 has been used, and the additional 10 per cent will make a total of \$78,400.

Mr. Coleman promised, for the Highway Commissioner, that a map would be prepared, showing the work done on the road and the work yet to be completed. This map will be presented to the executive committee at a meeting to be held in two weeks.

The route announced is from Washington to Occoquan, Dumfries, Stafford Courthouse, Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania Courthouse, Ashland to Richmond, making a total of 126 miles.

Mr. Allport states that the highway will be completed by November, so that it will be ready for use during the A. A. A. convention, which will be held in Richmond during December.

Declines Appointment.

Rev. D. H. Lewis, assistant pastor of Grace Episcopal Church, who was recently chosen to succeed Rev. John Monro as city missionary of the Episcopal Church, has declined the appointment. The decision in the matter rests largely with the vestrymen of Grace Church, who wished Mr. Lewis to remain in his present work.

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PLAYGROUND MEN WILL GATHER HERE

Richmond Chosen Over Louisville for Convention of American Playground Association.

Richmond was selected yesterday by the American Playground Association for the scene of its convention this April by the officers of the association in New York. Louisville was a strong contender for the honor of entertaining the great gathering, but Richmond's reputation as a convention city and W. T. Dabney's eloquence swung the tide against the Kentucky City.

The convention of the American Playground Association, which is a powerful organization, waging the fight for recreation for city children, attracts between 500 and 600 representative people from all sections of the United States to its convention, incidentally obtaining the services of most distinguished speakers.

W. T. Dabney, business manager of the Chamber of Commerce, who will be in New York to present Richmond's invitation for the next convention, sent the following jubilant telegram home yesterday:

"Richmond has just been selected against Louisville for next convention American Playground Association. Meets this April. Attendance about five or six thousand. The most representative people from all over this country. Richmond seems as popular in New York as at home."

The selection of Richmond for the scene of the next playground convention will probably have a telling effect upon the struggle that the Richmond Playground Association is fighting at the present time to have the City Council provide increased facilities for recreation for the younger population. A recent survey of conditions here by a field secretary of the association, showed Richmond to be pitifully lacking in playground facilities.

TO SPEAK IN CHARLESTON

Mrs. Valentine and Miss Johnston Will Address West Virginia Suffrage Meeting.

Mrs. Mary Johnston and Miss B. B. Valentine have been invited to deliver addresses in Charleston, W. Va., on January 15. The occasion will be an important gathering of the suffrage advocates from that State. Miss Johnston will return today from Nashville, Tenn., where she represented Virginia at a conference of Southern women who favor equal suffrage. While in the Tennessee capital, she addressed the State legislature in favor of a suffrage amendment to the Constitution, being introduced to the Assembly by ex-Governor John L. Cox, of Bristol.

Qualifies as Administrator.

Ryan and Ford qualified yesterday in the chancery court as administrators of the estate of Naamie M. Ford. The estate is valued at \$200.

PARAGRAPH PULPIT

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